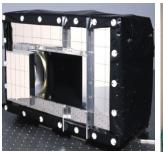
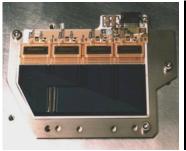
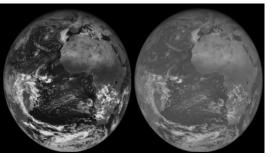


GERB3 commissioning calibration comparison











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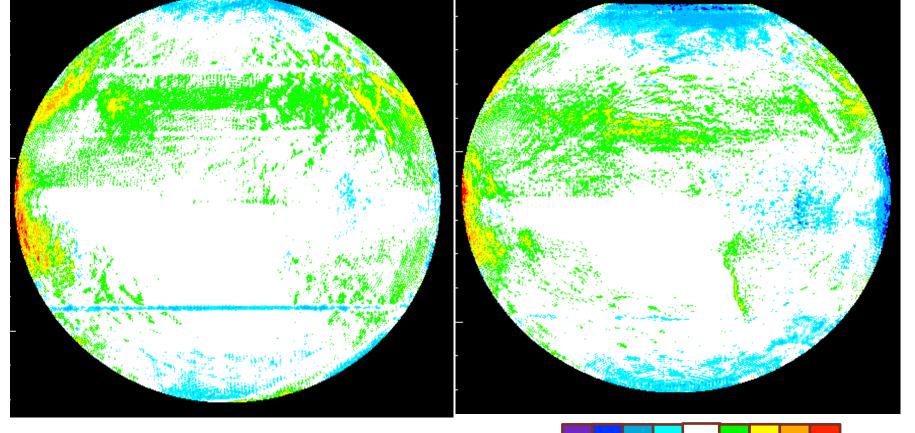
GERB 3 initial validation Nov-Dec 2012

- Initial inter-comparision between GERB-1 and GERB-3 fluxes during November and December joint operation was carried out.
- The SW radiance from each instrument during this period has also been compared to CERES Ed3 products.
- After restart differences in the calibration between the two sides of the GERB 3 mirror apparent that require re-assessment and calibration adjustment and processing updates to address.

November 2012 GERB 3/GERB 1 LW flux comparison

Ratio of average fluxes for November 2nd – 21st 00:00-02:00 UTC





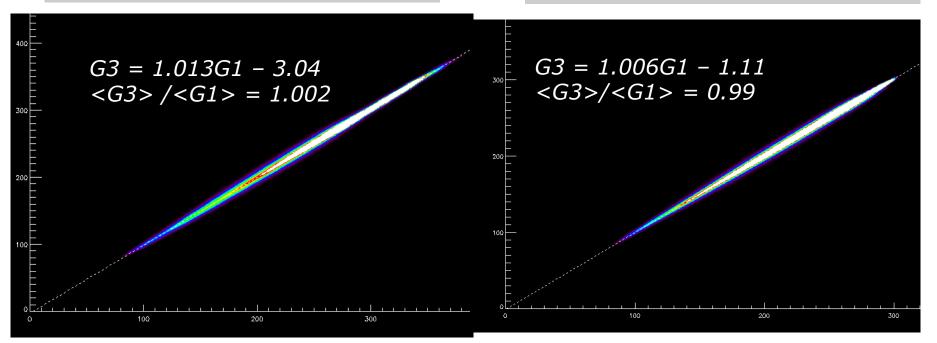


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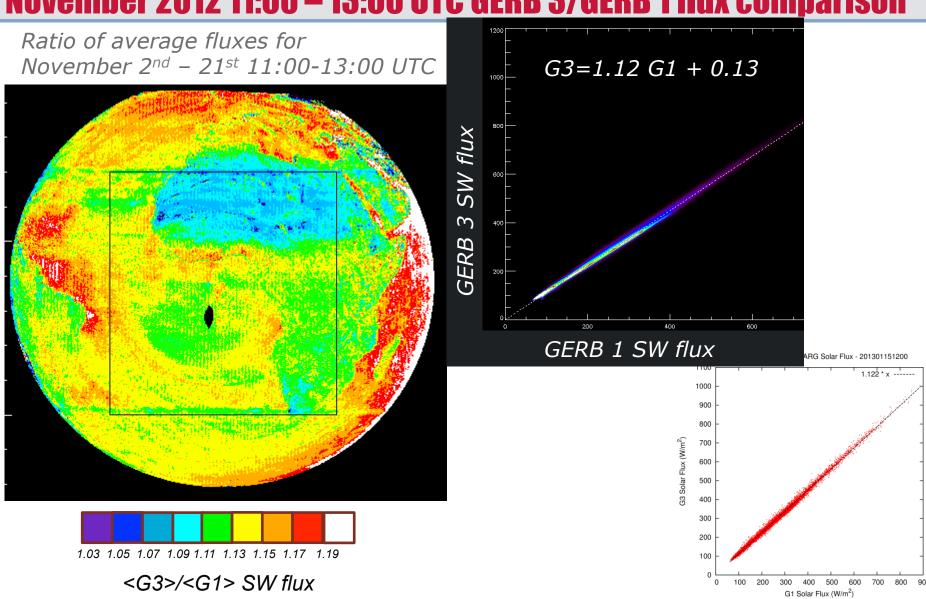
GERB 3 GERB 1 LW flux regression day and night November 2012

11:00 – 13:00 UTC central region

00:00 - 02:00 UTC central region

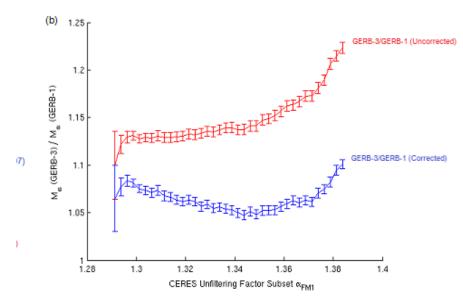


November 2012 11:00 – 13:00 UTC GERB 3/GERB 1 flux comparison

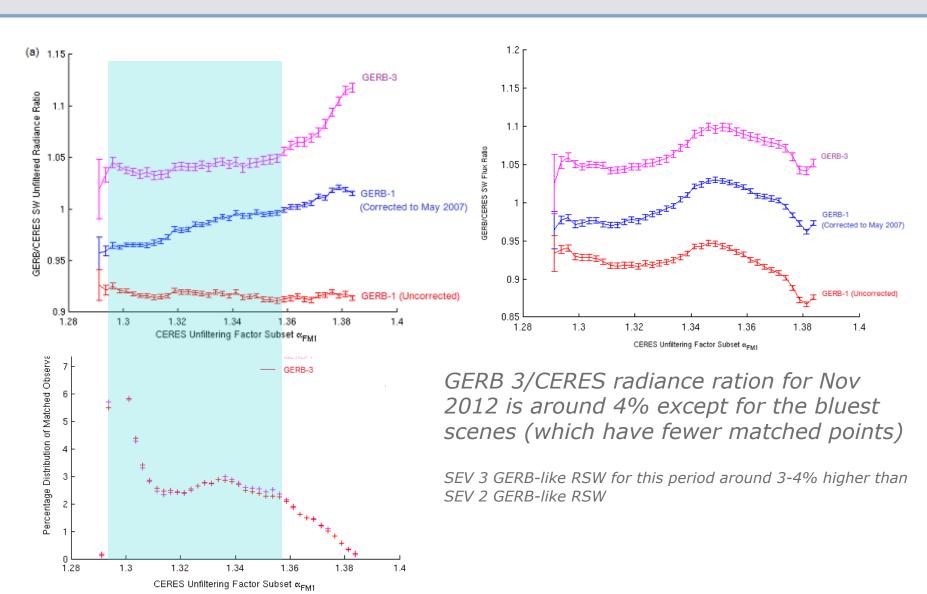


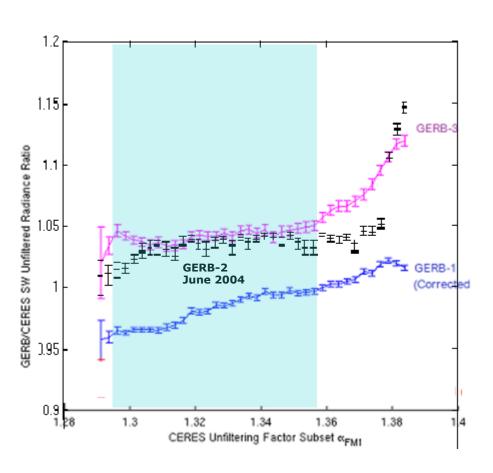
Intial comparison between the GERB 3 and GERB 1 fluxes for November 2012, showed very similar LW values, but GERB 3 12% higher in SW.

However GERB 1 has experienced spectral ageing over its operational life lifetime



Adjusting for GERB 1 spectral aging effect reduces the offset to 5-7%





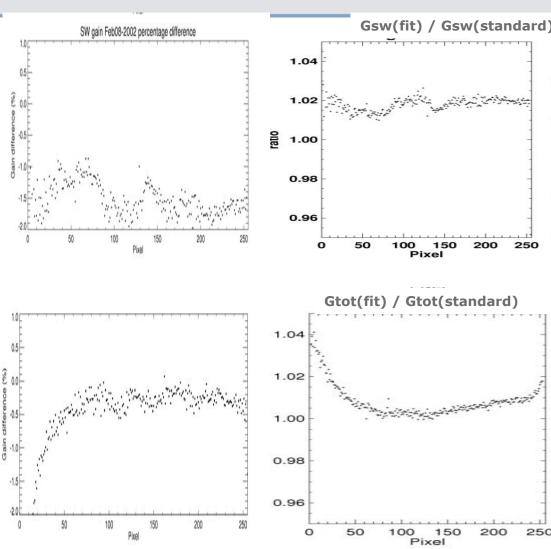
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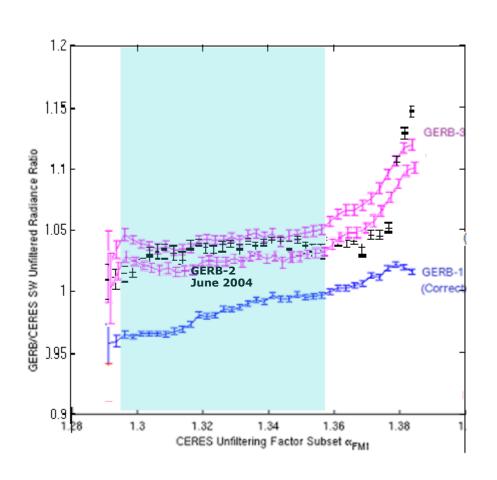
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Ground gain offset effects

Difference between the GERB 3 recal delivered standard gains and the 2002 values seem to be very similar to the difference between standard and fit values. Seeming to implicate a problem with the offset removal being the cause of both differences.

There will be knock on effects on the applicability of the Lf(IBB) table





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Summary

- GERB 3 LW 2012 compared well to GERB 1 LW (geolocation TOT/ SW matching errors producing some more noise in day)
- GERB 3 SW 2012 12% higher than GERB 1
- After correction of GERB 1 SW to SOL value assuming FM1 stable reference difference reduces to 5-7%
- Removing offset issue with SW gain measurement in recal will reduce by 1.5-2% (varies with pixel) GERB 3 SW calibration
- GERB 3 SW closer to GERB 2 (SOL) calibration than GERB 1
- Next step to assess mirror side difference since stoppage.



Ground gain offset effects

